

**Subject:** I-395/Route 9 Transportation Study Update

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I was remiss in sending this update out last Friday. My apologies.

FHWA has requested that MaineDOT provide additional information to the Cumulative Impacts section of the Biological Assessment (BA) required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Maine DOT has requested information from Brewer, Eddington, and Holden pertaining to any new proposed residential/commercial developments that have been proposed within the "Action Area" since the DEIS has been published (March 2012).

The "Action Area" for the ESA cumulative impacts analysis is defined as 600 feet from the preferred alignment, the ½ radius around the intersections (end points of the connector), and the perennial upstream extents of Felts Brook and Eaton Brook.

Holden has responded that they do not have any developments in the action area. Brewer has responded that they have had some development in the action area. MaineDOT has requested a list from the City of developments approved, or in process so that MaineDOT can determine if there are any cumulative impacts to the Action Area. Eddington had requested additional information in order for the Town to respond to the request. MaineDOT has submitted the additional information to Eddington.

Subsequent to completion of the Responses to Substantive Comments document FHWA and MaineDOT has requested that the Army Corps of Engineers(ACOE) determine the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA) for the I-395/ Route 9 connection. The ACOE will need to determine the LEDPA which will be included in the FEIS document, once published.

Please let me know if anyone has any questions.

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